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PSC STAFF SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON RULES PERMITTING ELECTRIC UTILITIES TO CHANGE RATES IN RESPONSE TO CHANGES IN FUEL COSTS

JEFFERSON CITY --- The Missouri Public Service Commission is seeking comments from interested parties on rulemaking that will implement the Electric Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment Clause (FAC) portion of Senate Bill 179.

In the 2005 legislative session, SB 179 was passed and became law. This legislation provides the Commission with the ability to consider implementation of an FAC during a rate proceeding. The proposed electric utility FAC mechanism would operate in a similar manner to the purchased gas adjustment (PGA) clause that is available to natural gas utilities in Missouri. SB 179 also includes a number of other costs recovery adjustment mechanisms.

The Commission is requesting that any individuals who wish to review these draft rules do so and forward comments to the Commission Staff's attention no later than Friday, May 5, 2006. These draft rules are available on the Commission's website at www.psc.mo.gov under Publications. Once you have selected Publications, select Electric. The files are named "FAC -- Chapter 3" and "FAC -- Chapter 20". Comments may be sent to Warren Wood in-care-of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Comments may also be submitted via e-mail at fac.comments@psc.mo.gov or by fax at 573-751-1847.

This legislation went into effect on January 1, 2006. The Public Service Commission is developing draft rules to implement this legislation. When the draft language for these rules is acceptable to the Commission, they will be sent to the Secretary of State for publication in the Missouri Register to begin the Secretary of State's public comment process.